

Maine Osteopathic Association Award Recipients ~ 1974 - 2025

Louis Hanson, D.O. Osteopathic Physician of the Year

This award is given to a D.O. who has demonstrated a high quality of practice, a compassionate interest in patients, and a commitment to his or her community. Community is defined broadly to include activities at the local, state or national level and involvement in osteopathic institutions (ex: college, hospital, MOA, etc...)

1974	Sarah Simpson, DO
1975	Frank E. Hanscom, DO
1976	Almon Buxton, DO
1977	Paul D. Taylor, DO
1978	Rod MacDonald, DO
1979	Lowell Barnes, DO
1980	William E. Daniels, DO
1981	Michael Majka, DO
1982	Joseph P. Gerardi, DO
1984	Anthony DeBiaso, DO
1985	George T. Anton, DO
1986	Albert Gulesian, DO
1987	William Bergen, DO
1988	David M. Johnson, DO
1989	James Donahue, DO
1990	Keith Buzzell, DO
1991	Donald Erickson, DO
1992	J. Chase Rand, DO
1993	John Gaddis, DO
1994	Harrison Aldrich, DO
1995	Craig Wallingford, DO
1996	Chester Suske, DO
1997	Merrill R. Farrand, DO
1998	Gary Ross, DO
1999	Roger Pelli, DO
2000	W. Stephen Gefvert, DO
2001	Donald Hankinson, DO
2002	Benjamin Russell, DO
2003	Bryan Beck, DO
2004	George Pasquarello, DO
2005	Robert Grover, DO
2006	Kenneth Johnson, DO
2007	Steve Feder, DO
2008	Steve Weisberger, DO
2009	Renee R. Fournier, D.O.
2010	Carl Schuler, D.O.
2011	Alexander Brazalovich, D.O.
2012	John Brewer, D.O.
2013	John Gaddis, D.O.
2014	Joseph deKay, D.O.
2015	Charles Radis, D.O.
2016	Christopher Pezzullo, D.O.
2017	Ira Stockwell, D.O.
2018	Henry Glover, D.O. (posthumously)

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2019	Gene Royer, D.O.
2020	Richard DeCarolus, D.O. (awarded in 2021)
2021	Elisabeth DelPrete, D.O.
2022	John A. Taylor, D.O.
2023	Stephanie W. Collins, D.O.
2024	Lonnie Lauer, D.O.
2025	Megan Brewer, D.O.

Young Osteopathic Physician of the Year

This award is given to a D.O. who has been in practice for at least one full year and not more than five years. The award is given to a physician who has already demonstrated involvement as a practitioner and member of his or her community and who demonstrated the potential to become a major force in osteopathic medicine in the future.

1975	Donald Underwood, DO
1979	Arthur Weisser, DO
1980	Louis Hanson, DO
1981	Kamlesh Bajpai, DO
1982	Ruben Bell, DO
1983	Joseph deKay, DO
1984	John Gaddis, DO
1985	Henry Glover, DO
1986	Judy Shedd, DO
1987	Steve Weisberger, DO
1988	Steven Blythe, DO
1989	Susan Stevens, DO
1990	Gary Ross, DO
1991	Patricia Phillips, DO
1992	Catherine Kimball, DO
1993	David Rioux, DO
1994	Sam DiCapua, DO
1995	Daniel Pierce, DO
1996	Jackie Cawley, DO
1997	James Kneebone, DO
1998	George Stockwell, DO
1999	David Tolstrup, DO
2000	George Pasquarello, DO
2001	Richard Stockwell, DO
2002	Steve Feder, DO
2003	Eric Caccamo, DO
2004	Eric Freiburger, DO
2005	William Kiley, DO
2006	Stephanie Waecker, DO
2007	Jack Forbush, DO
2008	Merideth Norris, DO

Young Osteopathic Physician of the Year (continued)

2009	Andrew Tenenbaum, D.O.
2010	David Keller, D.O.
2011	Margaret Zamboni, D.O.
2012	Stacey Pierce-Talsma, D.O.
2013	Heather Sharkey, D.O.
2014	Shayna Lemke, D.O.
2015	Ellen Lauer, D.O.
2016	Catherine Krouse, D.O. Ryan Smith, D.O.
2017	Josie Conte, D.O.
2018	John J. Lowery, Jr., D.O., Ph.D
2019	Gregory Stevens, D.O.
2022	John W. Diefenderfer, D.O
2023	Caroline LaFave, D.O.
2024	Joseph Anderson, D.O.
2025	Catherine Batz, D.O.

Roswell P. Bates, D.O., Public Service Award

This award is given for outstanding achievement in public health, political or community service that enhances and demonstrates the Osteopathic Profession's commitment to service beyond that of direct patient care.

1976	Dwight Brown, DO
1977	Lawrence M. Newth, DO
1978	Chas J. DePerri, DO
1979	James G. Martin, DO
1980	Harrison Aldrich, DO
1981	Marshall Gerrie, Sr., DO
1982	M.C. Pettapiece, DO
1983	Sarah Simpson, DO
1984	Albert Amalfitano, DO
1985	Arthur VanDerburgh, DO
1986	Geo W. Draper, DO
1987	Owen Pickus, DO
1988	Chester Suske, DO
1989	William Bergen, DO
1990	Ed Friedman, DO
1991	Don McFadden, DO
1992	William Wyatt, DO
1993	Louis Hanson, DO
1994	Boyd Buser, DO
1995	James Eshleman, DO
1996	Ira Stockwell, DO
1997	Stephen Shannon, DO
1998	Susan St. Pierre, DO
1999	John Brewer, DO
2000	Bruce P. Bates, DO
2001	Martyn Richardson, DO
2002	John Gaddis, DO
2003	Douglas Jorgensen, DO
2004	Roger Pelli, DO

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Roswell P. Bates, D.O., Public Service Award (continued)

2005	Gretchen Sibley, DO
2006	Erik Steele, DO
2007	Thomas DeLuca, DO
2008	Kenneth Johnson, DO
2009	Joel Kase, DO, MPH
2010	Sandra Featherman, PhD
2011	Gary Palman, D.O.
2012	No award
2013	Adam Lauer, D.O.
2014	No Awardee
2015	No Awardee
2016	Merideth Norris, DO, FACOFP
2017	Victoria Thieme, D.O.
2018	Christopher J. Pezzullo, D.O.
2019	Laura Kelley, D.O.
2021	Christine Munroe, D.O.
2022	Robert B. Stevens, D.O.
2023	Charles 'Chuck' Radis, D.O.
2024	Paul Vinsel, D.O.

Distinguished Service Award

This is the highest honor that the MOA can bestow upon an individual. This award is presented to a D.O. who has made an immediate significant contribution to the osteopathic profession through a major endeavor for the good of the profession and society and has made a major impact on the osteopathic profession and society over the course of his/her career.

1975	Arthur Jewell, DO Ralph Hathaway, DO
1976	Boyd Button, DO
1977	Lawrence Bailey, DO
1978	J. Chase Rand, DO
1979	Sarah Simpson, DO
1980	John M. Thurlow, DO
1981	Richard MacDonald, DO
1982	Edwin Morse, DO
1984	Frederic Schwartz, DO Donald McFadden, DO
1985	Charles Simpson, DO
1986	Lawrence Newth, DO
1987	Milton Redlitz, DO Richard MacDonald, DO
1988	Thomas Allen, DO
1988	Jerry Cole, DO
1989	Louis Hanson, DO
1990	Arthur VanDerburgh, DO
1991	Lowell Barnes, DO George Draper, DO Charles DiPerri, DO

Distinguished Service Award (continued)

1992	Bruce P. Bates, DO
1993	Joseph Walsh, DO
1994	Albert Amalfitano, DO
1995	Harrison Aldrich, DO
1996	Boyd R. Buser, DO
1997	Steven Weisberger, DO
1998	Ira Stockwell, DO
1999	John Gaddis, DO
2000	William Bergen, DO
2001	James Eshleman, DO
2002	John Brewer, DO
2003	Nicholas Scaccia, DO
2004	Bernice Eggleston, DO
2005	Donald Hankinson, DO
2006	Charles Radis, DO
2007	Boyd Buser, DO
2008	Douglas Jorgensen, DO
2009	Owen B. Pickus, D.O., Esq.
2010	Thomas DeLuca, D.O.
2011	Bruce Bates, D.O.
2012	Alexander Brazalovich, D.O.
2013	Stephen Shannon, D.O., MPH
2014	No Awardee
2015	No Awardee
2016	Charles Hoag, D.O.
2017	Richard MacDonald, D.O.
2018	No Awardee
2019	Arthur J. VanDerburgh, D.O.
2020	Jane Carreiro, D.O.
2021	Ricky Snyder, D.O.
2022	Kenneth J. Baker, D.O.
2023	James Eshleman, D.O.
2024	James Donahue, D.O.
2025	Donald Hankinson, D.O.

Sandra Featherman, Ph.D. Osteopathic Champion Award (formerly known as MOA Board Award prior to 2018)

This award honors an osteopathic physician and/or friend of the osteopathic profession who has made a recent outstanding and significant contribution to the osteopathic profession in Maine.

1996	Jane Carreiro, DO
1999	Ronald Drouin
2000	Nathan Long
2001	Gretchen Sibley, DO
2002	Charles Jankoski
2004	Owen Pickus, DO
2005	Sandra Featherman, PhD
2006	Joseph Dessent, OMS
2007	Kurt Ebrahim, DO

2008 No Recipient Sandra Featherman, Ph.D. Osteopathic Champion Award (continued)

2009	No Recipient
2010	Cleta Stockwell
2011	Gay Marks Albert Amalfitano, DO
2012	Patricia Kelley
2013	James Norton, Ph.D David Manyan, Ph.D
2014	Arthur J. VanDerburgh, DO
2015	No Awardee
2016	Christine Blake, D.O.
2017	Angela Cole Westhoff, MA
2018	Ronald Drouin
2019	Bryan Beck, D.O.
2019	Lisa Gouldsbrough, D.O.
2020	Maine COVID Sitters
2021	Susan E. Strout
2023	Art & Fran Girard
2024	Lewis Mehl-Madrona, MD
2025	Frank Willard, PhD

Presidential Citation

2024 Austin Vaughan, UNE COM Class of '25